

FLAGSTAFF FIRE DEPARTMENT

“FireWise Safety Checklist”

1. Start by creating and maintaining a *Defensible Property* by:
 - a) Thinning and pruning trees and shrubs
 - b) Mowing grass and weeds
 - c) Properly disposing of residue
2. Remove trees growing through your deck or roof.
3. Remove pine needles from roof and rain-gutters.
4. Remove tree branches which overhang within 15 feet of the chimney.
5. Stack firewood, hay bales, and other flammable items uphill or on a contour a minimum of 30 feet from your home.
6. Utilize non-combustible roofing material.
7. Replace damaged foundation and eave screens.
8. Post name and address signs so they are clearly visible from the road.
9. Ensure driveway has adequate width and height clearance.
10. Install and test smoke detectors.
11. Practice a family fire drill and evacuation plan.
12. Have wood-burning appliances professionally inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.
13. Place ashes or BBQ briquettes in a covered metal container, cool for 2 days, then dispose of properly.
14. Contact the Fire Department to schedule a free wildfire safety inspection.
15. Create a *FireWise Neighborhood* by contacting your neighbors and treating the entire neighborhood.